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HOUSE RESOLUTION 291  
By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION to commend the members of the Ashland City Volunteer Fire Department for their honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland City Volunteer Fire Department is one such outstanding organization that began in 1936; the members evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors and willingly sacrifice their personal safety and concerns for the safety of their community; and

WHEREAS, the firefighting profession requires enormous skill, diligence and bravery in order to conquer potentially deadly fires; and

WHEREAS, one of only a few "all" volunteer fire departments, they provide rescue, first response, and emergency medical services to the Rural Fire District; they have also achieved an I.S.O. Class 5 Rating; and

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WHEREAS, the members of the Ashland City Volunteer Fire Department have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and serve as exceptional assets to their community; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland City Volunteer Fire Department is fortunate to be led by Chief Chuck Walker and Assistant Chief Derek Noe; the department's outstanding success is directly attributable to their reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the volunteers answered an astounding 550 calls; these courageous volunteers epitomize the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Ashland City Volunteer Fire Department are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Chief Chuck Walker, Assistant Chief Derek Noe and the members of the Ashland City Volunteer Fire Department for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute their unswerving commitment to ensuring the safety and protecting the lives of Ashland City citizens with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.